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In the Application of)
RICHARD J. ERICSON) Examiner: Not Assigned
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on ELEVATOR SYSTEM HAVING)
DRIVE MOTOR LOCATED)
BELOW THE ELEVATOR CAR)
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Serial No.: 09/162,821)
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Filed on: September 29, 1998) (Our Docket No. 4167-11)

Springfield, Massachusetts, March 4, 1999

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references set forth below and listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

<u>U.S. Patent No</u>	<u>Entitled</u>	<u>Dated</u>
810,941	Traction Apparatus	01/30/06
988,016	Elevator	03/28/11
1,126,260	Automatic Traction Rope	
	Take-Up Mechanism	01/26/15
3,174,585	Elevator Hoisting Mechanism	08/13/62

4,570,753	Elevator Hoisting Device	02/18/86
PCT/FI95/00530	Arrangement for Fixing an Elevator Rope	09/27/95
PCT/FI97/00823	Elevator Rope Arrangement	12/19/97
PCT/FI97/00824	Elevator Rope Arrangement	12/19/97

<u>Foreign Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dated</u>
DE 39 222 798	Germany	09/20/90
JP 3-36184	Japan	02/15/91
JP 59-40276	Japan	03/14/84
JP.64-21180	Japan	02/02/89
JP 5-78066	Japan	03/30/93
JP 2-225280	Japan	09/07/90
JP 6-239554	Japan	08/30/94
EP 669 276	Europe	01/20/95
GB 1 401 197	Great Britain	06/30/72

OTHER DOCUMENTS

"Elevators", by F.A. Annett, 3rd Edition (1960)

"Hannover Fair: Another new idea from ContiTech - Lifting belts for elevators", ContiTech initiativ 1/98 (Hannover Fair '98)

Please note that Applicants submit the following relevance as part of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 18, 1999 in the above-referenced case:

- 1) DE 296 15 921 U1 shows an example of a motorized system for moving an elevator.
- 2) DE 1 032 496 shows a conventional motor room located above an elevator landing.
- 3) FR 2 640 604 shows examples of motorized systems for moving an elevator.
- 4) JP 1-242386 is an example of a roping configuration employed in elevator systems.

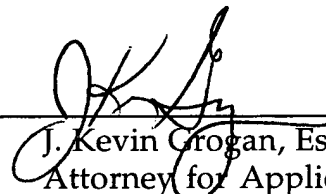
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It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

No fees are considered to be due; however, if it is determined that payment of a fee is required, please charge our deposit account No. 13-0235.

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